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SUBJ: QOBOZA AGAIN REQUESTS APPOINTMENT WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: CAPE TOWN 0563

1. PERCY QOBOZA, EDITOR OF THE BLACK NEWSPAPER "THE WORLD", IS CONTEMPLATING ANOTHER TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES IN OCTOBER, AND HE HAS AGAIN RAISED WITH US THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. SENATOR DICK CLARK HAS INVITED HIM TO WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OCTOBER 21-23. THE DEPT MAY HEAR FROM SENATOR CLARK ABOUT QOBOZA'S REQUEST TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

2. QOBOZA'S STATURE AS ONE OF THE LEADING FIGURES IN THE URBAN BLACK COMMUNITY HAS RISEN FURTHER IN RECENT WEEKS DUE TO HIS INITIATING ROLE IN THE CREATION OF THE SOWETO COMMITTEE OF TEN WHICH HAS ATTRACTED SO MUCH ATTENTION (JOHANNESBURG 1959). QOBOZA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT LAST FRIDAY MIN OF JUSTICE KRUGER CALLED HIM TO PRETORIA AND
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THREATENED HIM WITH CLOSURE OF HIS NEWSPAPER IF HE DID NOT STOP ATTACKING THE GOVERNMENT. QOBOZA ASKED AMBASSADOR TO PAY A CALL ON HIM AT "THE WORLD" OFFICES, WHICH WE INTERPRET AS OBVIOUS REQUEST TO DEMONSTRATE HE COUNTS WITH US INTEREST AND SUPPORT. AMBASSADOR DID THIS YESTERDAY (AUGUST 8) TOURING ENTIRE PLANT WITH QOBOZA.

3. WE BELIEVE QOBOZA MERITS OUR SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND
A BRIEF CALL ON THE PRESIDENT IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS AND
DEVELOPMENTS IN US-SAG RELATIONS BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER
DO NOT MAKE THIS UNADVISABLE.
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